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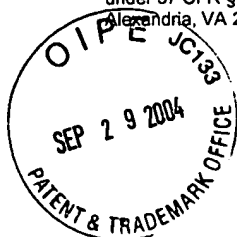
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SOLVENT MIXTURE SYSTEM
OF ZINC-CONTAINING
CALCIUM PHOSPHATE
MICROPARTICLES AND
THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR
TREATING ZINC DEFICIENCY
(as amended)

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	Ito et al., <i>Key Engineering Materials</i> , 218-220:183-186 (2002).

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